

heard from Karen Marrongelle, Chief Operating Officer, National Science Foundation; and public witnesses.

BUILDING SUSTAINABLE BUSINESSES THROUGH EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP AT SBA

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Building Sustainable Businesses through Employee Ownership at SBA”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING REFORM: EXAMINING THE FUTURE OF THE VA GRANT AND PER DIEM PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Transitional Housing Reform: Examining the Future of the VA Grant and Per Diem Program”. Testimony was heard from Monica Diaz, Executive Director, Homeless Programs Office, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

SOLVING THE CLIMATE CRISIS: KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND THE NEED FOR CONTINUED ACTION

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Solving the Climate Crisis: Key Accomplishments, Additional Opportunities, and the Need for Continued Action”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1176)

S. 1941, to direct the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to standardize the use of core-based statistical area designations across Federal programs, to allow between 120 and 180 days for public comment on any proposed change to such designations, and to report on the scientific basis and estimated impact to Federal programs for any proposed change to such designations. Signed on December 5, 2022. (Public Law 117–219)

S. 2159, to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 400 College Drive, Middleburg, Florida, as the “Andrew K. Baker Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”. Signed on December 5, 2022. (Public Law 117–220)

S. 3510, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance with respect to natural disaster resilience. Signed on December 5, 2022. (Public Law 117–221)

S. 3655, to amend the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Collection Act of 2018 to extend the termination date of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board. Signed on December 5, 2022. (Public Law 117–222)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider the nominations of Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, David Michael Capozzi, of Maryland, Christopher Koos, of Illinois, Samuel E. Lathem, of Delaware, and Robin Lee Wiessmann, of Pennsylvania, each to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Robert E. Primus, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Sue Ellen Moore, of Washington, and Andrew J. Read, of North Carolina, both to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, Rubydee Calvert, of Wyoming, and Diane Susan Kaplan, of Alaska, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 3386, to prevent, treat, and cure tuberculosis globally, S. 4824, to provide for proper oversight of North Korea policy, S. 4064, to facilitate the development of a whole-of-government strategy for nuclear cooperation and nuclear exports, S. 4509, to provide for security in the Black Sea region, S. 4996, to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 to modify the establishment of a coordinator for detained ISIS members and relevant displaced populations in Syria, S. 4955, to amend certain authorities relating to human rights violations and abuses in Ukraine, S. Con. Res. 47, commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the women and men of Iran demonstrating in more than 80 cities and risking their safety to speak out against the Iranian regime's human rights abuses, S. Con. Res. 16, commemorating the 30th anniversary of Operation Provide Comfort, S. Res. 713, recognizing Russian actions in Ukraine as a genocide, S. Res. 472, reaffirming the partnership between the United States and the Dominican Republic and advancing opportunities to deepen diplomatic, economic, and security cooperation between the two nations, S. Res. 730, remembering the 30th anniversary of the bombing of the Embassy of Israel in Buenos Aires on March 17, 1992, the 28th anniversary of the bombing of the Argentine-Israeli Mutual Association building in Buenos Aires on July 18, 1994, and committing to efforts to uphold justice for the victims of the attacks, S. Res. 322, reaffirming the alliance between the

United States and Bulgaria, congratulating Bulgaria on its July 11, 2021 parliamentary elections, and calling for continued progress in Bulgaria towards combating corruption, respecting the freedom of the press, and protecting minority rights, S. Res. 650, recognizing May 28 as “World Hunger Day”, that the 90th anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932–1933, known as the Holodomor, should serve as a reminder of repressive Soviet policies against the people of Ukraine, and that Vladimir Putin’s illegal war against Ukraine has diminished Ukraine’s agricultural output and threatens to exacerbate the problems of global hunger on World Hunger Day, H.R. 7240, to reauthorize the READ Act, the nominations of Joey R. Hood, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, Lucy Tamlyn, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Jessica Davis Ba, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire, and Rachna Sachdeva Korhonen, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, Cynthia Dyer, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large, Julie D. Fisher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, Henry V. Jardine, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, Kathleen Ann Kavalec, of California, to be Ambassador to Romania, George P. Kent, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, Kristina A. Kvien, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Kenneth Merten, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, Manuel P. Micaller, Jr., of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, Christopher T. Robinson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, Bijan Sabet, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and Lynne M. Tracy, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, all of the Department of State, L. Felice Gorordo, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Richard L.A. Weiner, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Carol Spahn, of Maryland, to be Director of the Peace Corps, routine lists in the Foreign Service, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., S–116, Capitol.

House

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “An Enduring Legacy: The Role of Financial Institutions in the Horrors of Slavery and the Need for Atonement, Part II”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation, hearing entitled “Understanding and Addressing Challenges in the Mekong Region”, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn and Webex.

Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations, and Global Corporate Social Impact, hearing entitled “Modernizing International Development Assistance: Opportunities and Challenges”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn and Webex.

Full Committee, continue markup on H. Res. 1456, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the conclusion of the Department of State on whether Marc Fogel is wrongfully detained; H. Res. 1482, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to Congressionally appropriated funds to the nation of Ukraine from January 20, 2021 to November 15, 2022; H.R. 9374, the “Countering Malign Russian Activities Globally Act”; H.R. 9243, the “Providing Appropriate Recognition and Treatment Needed to Enhance Relations with ASEAN Act”; H.R. 8654, the “End Tuberculosis Now Act”; and H. Con. Res. 110, commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the women and men of Iran demonstrating in more than 80 cities and risking their safety to speak out against the Iranian regime’s human rights abuses, Time TBA, Location TBA.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 8361, the “Preventing Suicide Through Voluntary Firearm Purchase Delay Act”; H.R. 4130, the “American Music Fairness Act”; H. Res. 1477, calling for the submission to the House of Representatives of certain information in the possession of the Attorney General regarding NICS Indices Self-Submission Forms; and H. Res. 1478, calling for the submission to the House of Representatives of certain information regarding the decision of the President of the United States to institute the “Ghost Gun” Rule, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, continue hearing on the Senate Amendment to H.R. 7776, the “Water Resources Development Act of 2022” [James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023]; the Senate Amendment to H.R. 8404, the “Respect for Marriage Act”; H.R. 3648, the “EAGLE Act of 2022”; and H.R. 7946, the “Veteran Service Recognition Act of 2022”, 11:30 a.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “U.S. Coast Guard’s Leadership on Arctic Safety, Security, and Environmental Responsibility”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Fulfilling our Pact: Ensuring Effective Implementation of Toxic Exposure Legislation”, 10 a.m., HVC–210 and Zoom.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 1466, of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the investigation by the intelligence community into the origins of the COVID–19 virus; and H. Res. 1467, of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the use of authorities, personnel,

and capabilities of the intelligence community to conduct domestic activities unrelated to foreign intelligence, 9:30 a.m., HVC-304.

Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth, Full Committee, business meeting on the Select Committee's final report entitled *Bridging the Divide: Building an Economy that Works for All*, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the Civil Society Campaign to improve the lethality and survivability of the Ukrainian military, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.